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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. John L. McLucas

SUBJECT: Guidelines for NASA Earth-Sensing Activity

1. Bob Naka has sent me your paper dated 7 October 1969, subject as above.

2. This Agency has no substantive problems with the contents of the memorandum. We would, however, like to raise two points for your consideration:

a) The actions already taken have been between DOD and NASA. Since the NSAM 156 committee was charged with reviewing this matter on a government-wide basis, it would seem appropriate for this proposal to be referred to that committee for final action. We do not feel strongly about the necessity for this, but it is clearly a subject of interest to more than these two organizations.

b) The memorandum says that there would be no further limitation on the type of optical systems used by NASA as long as they were pointed upward for astronomical purposes and not used to photograph the earth. That still leaves open the question of making available in unclassified form detailed design data on optical systems which could be readily adapted for reconnaissance purposes.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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